

CITY OF ROCKVILLE
Department of Recreation and Parks

**ADULT SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL
LEAGUE RULES**

I. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A. Players need not live or work in the tax limits of the City of Rockville, however, new teams having rosters with 60% of this requirement fulfilled benefit with priority registration over other new teams that do not meet this requirement.
- B. Teams and players will be permitted to play in other jurisdictions, such as Montgomery County, etc. **Players must be out of high school.**

II. ROSTERS

- A. It is the Manager's/Coach's responsibility to make sure that the PRELIMINARY roster has been received in the Sports Office prior to the first league game.
- B. Rosters are to be submitted on the official roster form. Each player's name, home and work address, email address, work and home numbers should appear on the form.
- C. Each team shall be limited to 24 players at any one time.
- D. The team manager shall submit to the department before a designated date as determined by the Sports Office, a FINAL roster of all the players on his/her team. No players may be added after this date for league play.
- E. A player must be officially released in writing before he/she may play with another team. No transfers after final rosters.
- F. **In the Men's Softball program individual players may not participate on more than one team within the same week night.** A player may be on only one roster in the Women's Open or Reverse Co-Rec. However, men and women can participate in the Rockville Reverse Co-Rec League in addition to their Men's or Women's Leagues.

PENALTIES FOR THE ABOVE: A player in violation of this league rule is an ineligible player, and both teams he/she are playing for are subject to forfeiting each and every game in which he/she participates. Coaches are responsible for the absolute validity of the team rosters submitted to the Sports Office. The use of an ineligible ballplayer will

result in the coach, whose name appears on the roster, being suspended for a minimum of two games, in addition to other penalties. Check with each of your players immediately and advise them of the league rule. Any player in violation must decide which specific team they are going to permanently roster.

III. PLAYING RULES

- A. Unless modified by this set of rules, all games of the league shall be played in accordance with the current slow pitch rules adopted by the Amateur Softball Association (ASA).
- B. The number of players to start and continue a game shall be as follows: All league games may start and/or be played with a minimum of 8 players, only if the ninth and tenth eligible player(s) are not available. If a ninth and tenth player(s) arrive after the start of a game, he/she bats in the ninth and tenth position. Teams will not receive outs for these missing positions. If a game is started with eleven players it must end with 11 players if substitutes are available.
- C. **Additional Hitter(s) Rule** (optional in ALL Leagues) Teams have the option at the start of the game to bat 12 players, but defensively play 10. A team may insert an additional hitter(s) into its line-up at the start of a game only. The batting order must remain constant, however, any 10 of the 12 players can take defensive position throughout the game. All 12 players shall be subject to the re-entry rule.
- D. **Courtesy Runners: (Only for Individuals with Physical/Health Related Issues or Players Injured During a Game and no Substitutes are Available):** a Courtesy Runner at the first dead ball may replace any batter/base runner on a base after they reach base. The Courtesy Runner is defined as "the last player who made an out. (Co-Rec) – "the last player who made an out of the same sex". If it should happen in the first inning and no one has been retired or scored, it will be filled by the last spot in the batting order. **Players with Physical/Health Related Issues, requesting Courtesy Runners, must report to the umpire, as well as, gain approval from the opposing manager, prior to entering the game; same process and approval procedure for players injured during a game.**
- E. **Rule 6 – Pitching Regulation (Slow Pitch)**
(Safety) – A imaginary line from the front edge of each side of the pitching rubber will be drawn back (6)six feet to form a rectangular

box. Since the pitching rubber is (50) fifty feet from the home plate, the imaginary box will extend back to (56) fifty-six feet, and the pitcher will be allowed to pitch anywhere inside of that box. The pitcher must have one foot touching the box to begin pitching. All other rules regarding pitching will still be in force.

- F. Rule 8. Sec. 4G – Stealing (Men’s Slow Pitch)
(This rule does not apply to any of the men’s , women’s or co-rec softball leagues.

- NEW** G. **Run Ahead Rule** - Any team leading by 20 after three innings, 15 after four innings, or 10 after five innings (respectively 2 ½, 3 ½, and 4 ½, if the home team is ahead) or any complete inning thereafter will be declared the winner and the game will be complete.

- H. **Home Run Rules** (an untouched fair ball over the fence) **One-Up** in affect for all leagues
1. Men’s ‘C’ – (5) home runs with one-up after fifth (5th) home run.
 2. Men’s ‘C/D’ – (4) home runs with one-up after fourth (4th) home run.
 3. Men’s ‘D’ – (3) home runs with one-up after third (3rd) home run.
 4. Co-Rec and Women’s (all divisions) - (5) home runs with one-up after fifth (5th) home run.

One-Up Rule: Once both teams reach their home run limits, the teams are allowed one additional home run. As long as both teams keep matching the limit or equal number of home runs, teams may continue to hit additional home run(s). If one team reaches the limit and goes over the limit before the other team reaches their limit, the home runs become an out. The one-up rule is in affect for all innings.

Teams are responsible for retrieving or providing back-up balls, as specified in these rules, for home runs hit over the fence. If a player hits a **over the limit**, successive untouched ball over the fence, the batter will be ruled out.

- I. Base awards must be touched in legal order.
Exception: All Men’s Slow Pitch. (This does not apply to Co-Rec and Women’s Play). **On any fair-batted ball hit over the fence for a home run, or a four base award, the batter and any runners are credited with a score. The batter and any runners can go directly to the dugout. This would eliminate any runner appeal play.**
- J. **Use of double first base and batter-runners inappropriately touching only the white portion of the base.**
“The batter-runner is out when there is a play being made at first base and the batter-runner touches only the white portion provided the

defense appeals prior to the batter –runner returning to touch the white or colored base.”

- K. A runner shall be declared out when a defensive player has the ball and the runner remains on his or her feet and initiates contact with the defensive player. The runner shall be ejected from the game (if, in the judgment of the umpire, the contact is flagrant).
- L. A runner shall be declared safe (obstruction shall be called) when a defensive player initiates contact by blocking a base or home plate and the defensive player does not possess the ball. A defensive player must grant unimpeded access to a base when he is not in possession of the ball or in the act of fielding a batted ball.
- M. A player shall be officially in the game when his/her name has been entered on the Official Score Sheet (home team is official) or has been announced. When preparing the team’s batting order for the game, and prior to exchanging line-ups with the opposition, you must use the following format for listing player’s names. Always first initial and last name in full. When more than 1 player has the same last name, please list full first and last name of these players.

IV. REVERSE CO-REC PLAYING RULE EXCEPTIONS

- A. A team shall consist of 5 men and 5 women and 5 of each sex on the field. If a team is playing with (8) players, there must be 4 of each sex on the field; (9) players, there must be 5 of one sex and 4 of the other sex on the field.
- B. **Additional Hitter(s) Rule** (optional in the Co-Rec Leagues)
A team may insert 2 additional hitters, one of each sex, into its line-up at the start of a game only. The batting order must remain constant; however, any 10 (5 male and 5 female) of the 12 players can take a defensive position throughout the game. If the game is started with 12 players, it must end with 12 players if substitutes are available. All 12 players shall be subject to the re-entry rule.
- C. In all Reverse Co-Rec divisions, the men shall hit a 12-inch circumference softball and the women shall hit an 11-inch circumference softball.
 - 1. The home team will provide one "new" 12-inch ball and one "new" 11-inch ball.
 - 2. The offensive team **MUST** provide a first base coach. The first base coach will be responsible for giving the defensive pitcher

the proper size ball for the batter. For example, if a team has a male batter, the first base coach will provide the 12-inch ball to the pitcher. As soon as the play has ended and the umpire calls time out, the 12-inch ball would then be replaced with the 11-inch ball for the female batter by exchanging balls between the first base coach and pitcher.

3. If a ball is hit out of play and cannot be recovered quickly, the team that is at bat must furnish as many additional league-specified balls as needed to complete their turn at bat.
4. If the incorrect ball is pitched to a batter the following enforcements will apply.

Female batter pitched the 12-inch ball:

- a. If the wrong ball is used, the manager of the offensive team has the option of taking the result of the play or having the last batter rebat and assume the ball and strike count prior to the wrong ball being discovered.

Male batter pitched the 11-inch ball:

- a. batter-runner safely reaches first base or beyond, the play will stand.
- b. batter-runner fails to safely reach first base as the result of a fly out, ground out, foul out, etc., the play will stand; no replays will be granted.

Male or female batters:

- a. Upon the discovery that an incorrect ball has been used, the umpire shall rectify the situation by placing the appropriate ball in play; the count from the previous pitch is official regardless of whether the batter was a male or female.

Example: Female batter

- ☐ First pitch is a strike,
- ☐ Catcher discovers that a 12-inch ball was pitched,
- ☐ Umpire replaces the 12-inch ball with the proper ball prior to the next pitch,
- ☐ The count reflects the prior pitch, which should indicate 1 ball, 2 strikes.

- D. The offensive line-up may begin with either a man or a woman, thereafter the sexes shall alternate. EXCEPTION: If a team is playing

with 9 players, the offensive line-up must begin with sex which has 5 players and there will be a repetition of sex in the line-up.

- E. Positions in the field may be distributed as the coach/captain desires. While positions in the field may be changed at any time, the male/female order of the starting line-up must be maintained.
- F. Men shall assume the batting stance opposite to that which they would normally use in a softball game. Opposite-handed means: If the individual fields with the glove on the left hand and throws right-handed normally, he is supposed to bat left-handed and vice-versa. If the opposing manager feels that any male is not batting opposite handed or on their weaker side as required, he may require the batter to switch his batting stance anytime. The manager can reverse this decision anytime during the game and once the decision is reversed, it will be final.

Example: If a left-handed male batter hits a home run right-handed, the next time at the opposing manager requests that he bat left-handed. Left-handed, he bats another home run. The opposing manager has one last chance at his next at-bat to decide with which hand the batter shall bat. At this point, the decision is final.

- G. **Northern Division (only applies when Northern Division teams are playing one another):** The following walk rule will be used in this division only: When a male batter is walked intentionally or unintentionally, the male batter is awarded first and second base and the following female batter must bat. **Exception: With two outs, the female batter has the option to walk or bat.**

In all other Co-Rec Divisions, female batters do not have the option of walking if the preceding male batter is walked. The pitcher must pitch to all batters unless the pitcher declares an intentional base on balls.

V. ONE AND ONE COUNT

- A. In all leagues, when a batter enters the batter's box, he/she will have the count of **one ball and one strike**. After the batter has reached two strikes, he/she will be declared out when he/she hits a second foul ball. (If the foul fly ball is caught, runners may tag and advance at their own risk.)
- B. **Time Limit:** There will be a 65-minute time limit for all games. The time limit begins with the first pitch. No new inning may begin after the time limit has been reached. An inning that has begun will be completed, and if time limit has been reached, at that point the game will end with the team ahead declared the winner. For time limit purposes, the new inning begins when the 3rd out occurs.

- C. **Tie Game:** If the game is tied after the **Time Limit** has been reached, the game will remain a tie. No new inning will start after the time limit. For purposes of league standings, teams will receive two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, zero (0) for a loss and (-1) for a forfeit.

Post-Season related tournaments: The 'one-pitch' format will be used to decide tie games.

The following policies and procedures pertain specifically to Broome Park and Mark Twain School Athletic Park.

No new inning shall start after 10:30 p.m. and there is an **absolute** curfew of 10:45 p.m. All play stops at this time. If a game is stopped due to the curfew or darkness in the middle of an inning, the game reverts back to the last full complete inning.

- D. There will be a 10 minute grace period for all 6 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. weekday games. However, the official will start the time limit clock at the scheduled game time. Example, for games scheduled to start at 6 p.m. the time limit rule will be 7:05 p.m. If part of the 65-minute game time is lost due to weather (rain, lightning and/or thunder), maintenance issues, or an injury to a player, that "lost" time counts towards the official 65-minute game time limit, just as the 10-minute grace period does for games that are scheduled to start at 6:00 PM.

For example: If a game is stopped due to weather and at least 30 minutes of playing time remain the game should be continued from the point stopped. If less than 30 minutes remains the game should be postponed and continued from the stopping point at a later date.

For Sunday league games and weekend make-up games, the 10 minute grace period will not be in effect.

Forfeited Game: A team forfeits a game when it fails to have the minimum number of players to start a game or maintain the minimum number of eligible players to continue playing. Teams participating in Doubleheaders will forfeit each game separately. Teams that forfeit the first game of the doubleheader due to insufficient number of players, must begin the second game of the Doubleheader as soon as they have the minimum number of eligible players present, but no later than the scheduled starting time for the second game.

VI. **HOW TO PROTEST**

- A. All protests pertaining to the playing of a game shall be submitted to the umpire and the opposing manager at the time of the alleged infraction and prior to the next pitch.

- B. **Failure to present league rules to an umpire at the time of misapplication of that rule will result in a non-protestable decision.** *This is the Manager's/Coach's responsibility.*
- C. Protests shall be submitted in writing with a \$50 protest fee and must be in the possession of the Sports Programs Supervisor or postmarked within 48 hours after game time. If the protest is denied, the fee shall be deposited in the general fund. If the protest is upheld, the fee shall be returned.
- D. **Player Photo Identification** – At all times, players must be prepared to show positive proof of identification (Drivers License) upon request/challenge. **All protests on player ineligibility must be addressed at the exchange of the line up or when the player is first introduced into the game.** Protests as to the use of an ineligible player must be registered with the Sports Programs Supervisor by the close of the next business day; no protest fee is required and the protest must be submitted in writing. Name(s) and other personal data of the alleged offenders must be included in the written protest that is filed.

Men's Post Season City Championships Only – Each team player/member participating in the tournament must show positive proof of identification (Drivers License) before each scheduled game **No Exception!!!** Rosters will be checked and verified by the Tournament Supervisor(s). **No Photo ID – no participation in the game!**

- F. Any team using an ineligible player shall automatically forfeit each game in which the player participated. If a team knowingly uses a player under an assumed name, that team shall automatically be dropped from the league or tournament. Each game played with that player and all scheduled games not played shall be forfeited to the opponents.

VII. **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

The City of Rockville Adult Slow Pitch Softball league is intended as a recreational activity. It is expected that all participants conduct themselves in keeping with the highest standards of sportsmanship. Unsportsmanship conduct will not be tolerated. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to such things as assault, verbal abuse, threats, or physical violence against other participants, umpires, managers, staff, etc.. Inappropriate language for a recreational environment, excessive arguing with the umpire, and dangerous acts, i.e. throwing a bat.

- A. The team manager/coach is responsible for the conduct of his/her team and team followers.

Note: Upon request, the manager/coach is responsible for furnishing the name(s) of disqualified player(s) to the umpire. Failure to cooperate will result in automatic team forfeiture, and suspension of the team manager.

- B. A player, manager, or coach who is ejected before, during, or after a scheduled contest shall be suspended from league play for at least one game (the second game of a Doubleheader is defined as one game), and depending on the severity of the incident, may be suspended an additional game(s) by the Sport Programs Supervisor. If incidents are determined severe the offender(s) will be required to attend a hearing to determine appropriate disciplinary action. In these circumstances, a Board of Conduct Review will be appointed for purposes of conducting the hearing and determining appropriate disciplinary action. **An ejected player has three minutes to leave the park premises. If the player fails to do so, the offending team will forfeit the game. While a manager, coach or player is serving out their game(s) suspension, he/she may not attend future game(s) until such time the suspension is fulfilled; under penalty of forfeiture, and further punitive action to participant and team. Likewise, further ejections by the same player during the current season shall be dealt with more severely, including but not limited to, suspension from the program for the remainder of the season.**

- C. All program participants agree not to post, email, or otherwise send any of the following items against the League, the Sports Officials or the coaches in the League.

a) anything that is unlawful, harmful, threatening, abusive, harassing, defamatory, libelous, or invasive of another's privacy:

b) anything that harasses, degrades, intimidates or is hateful toward an individual or team on the basis of religion, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, age, or disability:

Violations of this rule will make you subject to suspension from the league.

- D. Before, during, and after the game, anyone who strikes, shoves, pushes, bumps, or otherwise physically threatens a umpire or

Recreation & Parks staff shall be suspended from all department-sponsored activities for at least one year from the date of the incident.

- E. Any player, manager, or coach who approaches an official in a negative manner after the conclusion of a league game, including parking lot, will be suspended for at least one (1) game.
- F. Any team or player(s) who violate any of the City of Rockville regulations, especially the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on park property, shall be subject to disciplinary action to be taken by the Sports Programs Supervisor.

VIII. PLAYOFFS

- A. Teams qualifying for the playoffs shall be as follows:
Women's Division - Format to be announced
Men's Leagues - Format to be announced
Co-Rec Reverse/Regular Division - Format to be announced
- B. A tie in league standings will be resolved as follows:
Tie Breaker:
Head-to-head competition
Net run differential (fewest runs allowed)
Play-off game
For purposes of league standings, teams shall receive 2 points for a win, one point for a tie, 0 points for a loss, and (-1) point for each forfeit.

IX. GAME POSTPONEMENT AND RESCHEDULING PROCEDURES

- A. **Inclement Weather Information Line:** If games are canceled, a tape-recorded message will provide this information as early as 3 p.m. on (240) 314-5055 for Monday-Friday evening games. You are urged not to call before this time as information may not be available. In the case of weekend day games, cancellation decisions will be made as soon as the fields are checked and/or enough information is collected to make the decision. In all cases, every attempt will be made to make the decision in time to allow for adequate communication within team channels. It should be noted that weather conditions can vary from park to park, and cancellations in one park do not necessarily mean cancellations in another park.
- B. In the event team opponents and/or staff are not present at your scheduled game time, please call the number for "Inclement Weather Information Line" at **240-314-5055**. This tape-recorded message is periodically updated to provide you the latest status on games.

- C. The Sports Office will be responsible for all cancellation decisions.
PLEASE DO NOT CHALLENGE THE STAFF OVER CANCELED GAMES.
In the event of inclement weather after 4 p.m., where no previous announcement has been made regarding playing conditions of fields, it shall be the sole responsibility of the umpire and/or staff representative to determine field play ability. Both teams should report to the playing field.

- D. In the event an umpire and/or staff representative decides to cancel the first ball game or doubleheader at a specific ballfield due to weather related conditions, all remaining scheduled games thereafter may be played or canceled; provided weather conditions have improved and fields are determined safe to play.

Games which are not considered regulation shall be resumed as follows:

- Regular Season: At the exact point where game was stopped.
- Play Offs: At the exact point where game was stopped.

- F. Games which are incomplete or postponed will be rescheduled by the Sports Office on (1) the players' scheduled make-up days, if applicable; or (2) weekends (Sundays). Notification of rescheduled ball games will be forwarded via mail (memo) generally 7-10 days before scheduled contest.

X. **CALLING IN SCORES**

- A. Each division will have a "Representative" who is responsible for recording all scores of league games played by teams in his/her respective division.
- B. The winning team shall be responsible for notifying the division representative of the score by the next business day following the game. Tie games are to be reported by the home team. Doubleheaders, where there is a split, should be reported by the winning team of the second game.
- C. The division representative of all leagues shall call in all scores to the Sports Office within two business days following the game.
- D. For purposes of league standings, teams shall receive 2 points for a win, one point for a tie, 0 points for a loss, and (-1) point for each forfeit.
- E. To check standings online, go to www.rockvillemd.gov and click on "Recreation and Parks", followed by "Team Sports."

XI. **MISCELLANEOUS**

A. Awards shall be as follows:

1. Men's Slow-Pitch Leagues:
Division Champions - Team Trophy and Individual Awards
Division Runner-Ups - Team Trophy

Men's Post-Season Championships Tournament
Champions and Runner-Ups - Team Trophy
2. Women's Leagues:
Division Champions - Team Trophy and Individual Awards
Division Runner-Ups - Team Trophy
Divisional Tournament Champions & Runner-Ups - Team
Trophies
3. Regular/Reverse Co-Rec League:
Division Champions - Team Trophy and Individual Awards
Division Runner-Ups - Team Trophy
Divisional Tournament Champions & Runner-Up - Team Trophies

- B. Any player who violates the City of Rockville ordinance regarding the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on park property shall be subject to the penalties provided by law.(Rockville Code, Section 14-36)
- C. Smoking on the playing field including the dugouts, is prohibited. **We are a tobacco free sports environment.**
- D. "No Parking" zones on residential streets and parks will be enforced throughout the playing season. Please observe "No Parking" signs by parking in legal zones only. Please communicate this to all your players and team followers.
- E. Players, managers, coaches, and team followers are asked **not to bring their dogs, including leased dogs to the parks and ballfields during games.**
- F. **Uniforms: (Optional in league play)** For purposes of consistency, teams opting to use uniforms should have all players wear the same color shirt. Any teams participating/qualifying for ASA/USSSA tournament play will be required to follow tournament uniform rules.

- G. **Equipment:** The official game ball for all Men's, Women's, and Reverse Co-Rec Leagues will be furnished by the Recreation Department and to all teams. The official ball for the league play will be as follows:

Men's - WT12RF 80 ASA Leather Cover, .44 Cor/375lbs. compression

Women's – WT-11 RF 80 ASA Leather Cover, .44Cor/375 compression

No other softballs are acceptable other than .44 Cor/375lbs. compression balls. The Home Team shall furnish 2 new balls to start the game. If additional balls are needed, the team at bat shall furnish as many additional playable balls as needed to complete the game. The 2 new balls, 1 each, should be introduced at the top half and bottom half of the first inning. The balance of the game should always be played with the best ball as judged by the Umpire.

- H. **BATS:** The official bat for the adult softball program must meet all the ASA specifications and the requirements of Rule 3, Section 1, and:

1. must bear either the ASA approved 2000 certification mark or the **ASA 2004 Certification mark** as shown below, and must not be listed on an ASA non approved bat list, or



2. must be included on a list of approved bat models published by the ASA; or
3. must, in the sole opinion and discretion of the umpire, have been manufactured prior to 2000 and, if tested, would comply with the ASA bat performance standards then in effect.

Beginning January 1, 2004, all bats must pass the ASA bat standard. All bats having the 2004 certification mark will be allowed. Bats that have the 2000 certification mark will not be allowed unless they are listed on an approved bat list on the ASA website. For convenience, the ASA website has a listing of bats that do not pass the ASA 2004 bat standard.

**“Grand fathered” Bats no longer authorized beginning in 2008
– see attachment A**

NEW

ASA Rule 3 Section I

- F. **Barrel End: The bat barrel shall be free of audible rattles when shaken. The bat barrel shall not have signs of excessive wear.** The umpire’s will permit corrective action by the teams to make questionable equipment playable. The purpose of these inspections is to identify illegal or non-approved equipment.

Illegal or no-approved equipment should be confiscated by the umpire and/or field supervisor (where applicable) at the time it is identified, marked with the owner’s information, turned over to, and held by the office of the City’s Sports Division, until such a time, the equipment has been evaluated and determined as approved or non-approved

To check out the status (specifications) of latest bats being introduced on the market, visit: www.rockvillemd.gov, and click on **“Recreation and Park” “Team Sports, check under Sports Information, and click on “Illegal Bat Information”.**

- I. Where bases are not furnished by the department, the home team shall provide one set of substantially constructed softball bases for each weekday home game. There shall be at least one strap and one spike per base. Failure of the home team to provide bases if other arrangements cannot be made will result in forfeiture of that game.
- J. If no official umpire arrives for a game, the teams' managers should meet and confer and decide upon one of the three options listed below. The option chosen should be exercised 10 minutes after the starting time of the game. If the umpire arrives during the 10 minute waiting period, the game is begun immediately with the home team taking the field. The three courses of action available to the teams are:
1. To choose not to play the game without an official umpire; rescheduling is then handled by the Sports Office.
 2. Agree to begin the game with a volunteer umpire. If the game is started with a volunteer umpire, it must be completed. Both managers are required to sign the official scorebook, and contact the Recreation Department, as proof of agreement. Payment to volunteers or unauthorized umpires is at the risk of the teams and the City of Rockville will not reimburse such payment.
 3. To decide to wait for the official umpire to arrive.

- If either #1 or #2 is chosen, the game is to begin no later than **15 minutes** after the scheduled starting time. (That means 7:15 p.m. for a 7 p.m. game, etc.) If the teams have opted for #2 and the umpire arrives subsequently, the game will continue with the official umpire resuming his duties. If the teams had opted for #3, then they could choose either to begin or not begin the game upon the arrival of the umpire. Both teams would have to agree to start or no game would be played.
- K. The franchise fee shall cover all umpire fees for league and playoff games, trophies, lights, and other expenses which the league may incur.
 - L. After the first inning, pitchers will be restricted to one warm-up pitch and there should be no infield/outfield ball.
 - M. Blood Rule, Rule 4, Section 9 - Amateur Softball Association Playing Rules

A player, coach, or umpire who is bleeding or who has blood on his/her uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment can be administered. If medical care or treatment is administered in a reasonable length of time, the individual will not have to leave the game. The length of time that is considered reasonable is left to the umpire's judgement. Uniform rule violations will not be enforced if a uniform change is required. The umpire shall:

- A. Stop the game and immediately call a coach, trainer or other authorized person to the injured player and allow treatment.
- B. Apply the rules of the game regarding substitution, short-handed player and re-entry if nessary.

Section 10. Injured Player.

During a live ball situation, when a player becomes injured, and in the umpire's judgment requires immediate attention, the umpire shall call "**DEAD BALL**" and allow or seek first aid.
EFFECT: Award any bases that would have been reached.

XII. MAINSTREAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Individuals with handicapping conditions are encouraged to register and take part in City of Rockville Recreation Department programs. In order to facilitate participation, the department will attempt to make appropriate special accommodations. Anyone interested in learning about access to Recreation Department programs and facilities may call 240-314-8620 to

speak with the Sports Programs Supervisor. Arrangements must be made with the department each season. This policy does not apply to injured players.

XIII. WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The City of Rockville assumes no liability for injury or damage arising from participation in the adult softball program. **We strongly urge** that each team in the league have insurance to cover each player appearing on the roster for every game, practice game, and travel to and from each league game and practice game, or each player be covered by personal health insurance. The team roster includes an "Agreement to Participate" and a "Release" on the back of the roster. A player's signature on the roster indicates that the player has read and understands the terms of the "Agreement" and "Release."

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Attachment A

"Grandfathered" Bats no longer authorized beginning in 2008

11/6/2006

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, — The Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA), the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States, today announced that under a resolution adopted by the ASA Board of Directors, bats submitted by manufacturers that were previously allowed a 2 mph variance in the ASA's test standards are no longer authorized for use in ASA Championship Play effective January 1, 2008.

Commonly referred to by players and coaches as "grandfathered" bats, these bats were allowed a 2 mph testing variance under the terms of an agreement the bat manufacturers and ASA negotiated in the fall of 2003. These terms will no longer be in effect on January 1, 2008 thus making these bats illegal for use in ASA Championship Play.

According to the list provided to ASA under the terms of the agreement with each manufacturer, the following bats will be placed on the non approved list on January 1, 2008

Easton

Synergy2

Miken

Freak

Louisville Slugger

SB304

SB404

Worth

XGOLD-Fastpitch

XRED-Fastpitch

XPST4

WWSCA

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About the ASA

The Amateur Softball Association of America, a volunteer driven, not-for-profit organization based in Oklahoma City, OK, is the national governing body of softball in the United States. Founded in 1933, the ASA regulates competition in every state through a network of 85 local associations to insure fairness and equal opportunity to the millions of players who annually play the sport. Additional information about the ASA and its Bat Testing and Certification Program can be found by visiting www.asasoftball.com